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NEWARK, N. J.

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Mrs. Effa Manly
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Newark, New Jersey

Dear Friend:

You are no doubt familiar with the effort being made to give to the citizens of this community a first class semi-military drill team, Color Guard, and Firing Squad, which will be a credit and a service to the community in many ways.

I refer to the Attucks Guard of Emmitt Guyton Post #152, American Legion, with whose activities you are no doubt familiar from our participation in parades, ceremonies and funerals. It is our hope to build up a public institution which can serve all types of organizations desiring a uniformed military escort or Color Guard, and also to serve undertakers at funerals of veterans where a firing squad is required.

The Attucks Guard also intends to compete in State and National events thereby placing the Race before the public in a favorable light which will pay dividends in better interracial contacts and in a definite increase of respect from the other group.

Knowing your intense and broadminded interest in civic and racial movements of all kinds, and because of our close contact, we are taking the liberty of requesting you to become one of ten sponsors for the Attucks Guard who will contribute the sum of \$10.00 (ten dollars) towards the Equipment Fund.

We are particularly anxious to receive such funds immediately so that we may complete our equipment in time to compete in the New Jersey State Convention of the American Legion in Cape May, New Jersey on September 9.

We assure you that the Attucks Guard is ready to serve you at any time in any way without charge. We thank you in advance for your kindness and courtesy in this matter, and look forward to receiving your check enlisting you as a sponsor.

Very truly yours,

J. Mercer Burrell

J. Mercer Burrell, Comdr.
Emmitt Guyton Post #152

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